



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

District Newsletter

Upcoming Dates



2023-24 School Calendar

District Website

YCHS Food Pantry

Perishables
Non-Perishables
Toiletries



Open every school day
7:30am-2:30pm

Available for Ypsilanti residents,
students, or staff.

Temerson6@ycschool.us or (734) 221-1014
with any questions or concerns.

District Leadership

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent

Dr. Carlos Lopez
Assistant Superintendent

Sue McCarty
Human Resources

Damien Butler
Director of Business & Finance

Dear Grizzly Family,

Winter Break is here! Our schools will be closed for Winter Break from December 25th to January 5th. We know how much everyone looks forward to this time of year. It gives us a break from our busy schedules, time with loved ones, and an opportunity to rest, rejuvenate, and prepare for the New Year!

We are halfway through the school year and our students are making great progress. I'm proud of our hardworking teachers, staff, and students for their contributions to this success.

It is with great enthusiasm that we enter into the 2024 year. There are so many things that we are excited about.

- Just this week, Governor Gretchen Whitmer relieved the debt from the consolidation! This relief will positively impact our schools.
- We'll have four Magnet Schools - Ford, Holmes, YCMS, and YCHS.
- Our district continues to be at the forefront of innovation as our leaders and staff utilize Artificial Intelligence to enhance teaching and learning.
- Our partnerships with Toyota's Driving Possibilities and Washtenaw Community College's D3C3 will provide our scholars with greater opportunities.
- And there's so much more to come!

At YCS, we remain dedicated to providing an exceptional education for all students and will continue to explore innovative programs and initiatives to enhance their learning experiences.

Keep in mind that COVID-19 is still present. If you or a family member is feeling ill, we encourage you/them to seek testing, isolate, and wear a multilayer surgical, KN95, or N95 mask.

We hope that you have a wonderful Winter Break! We look forward to seeing our scholars on Monday, January 8th!

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to our amazing Grizzly Staff who have been recently recognized in the community.

Chris Sturdivant
YCS Bus Driver

Charlotte Tillerson
A.C.C.E. Teacher Consultant
& Teacher Union President

Chris Sturdivant was recognized by the WISD Head Start program for meeting and exceeding the mission everyday! Chris was honored at the inaugural Head Start Awards held at the Washtenaw County Board of Education meeting.

At A.C.C.E.'s Annual Thanksgiving Feast, Teacher Consultant and Teachers Union President **Charlotte Tillerson** was honored by having their food pantry named after her. Mrs. Tillerson is a valued member of our community, showing support to our students and staff by being present at school and showcasing what it means to be 'Stronger Together.'





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Roadmap Educator of the Week

"(Roadmaps) has helped me both incorporate digital learning into the students' curriculum and train them on how to use the curriculum in a way that isn't just browsing the internet,"

MELANIE ECCLES
FIFTH GRADE
YPSILANTI
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Thank you!
Community Partners



**REGIONAL ALLIANCE FOR
HEALTHY SCHOOLS**
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

VISION & DENTAL SERVICES RAHS-MOBILE UNIT



SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Vision & Dental Care
- Referrals for Community Resources
- Interpreter Services available
- Appointments available from 9AM to 2:15PM - please call to schedule an appointment in advance as spots are limited

Please bring a signed consent (available at umhs-rahs.org) or a parent with you to your appointment. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 734-998-4483.

INTERPRETERS & DOCUMENT TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE

"Si tiene usted preguntas, por favor, contacte con el personal del centro de salud al: 877-810-4719 y se podrá un intérprete. Venimos a necesitar su número de teléfono para devolverle la llamada."

إذا كان لديك أسئلة، يرجى الاتصال بموظف مركز الصحة على الرقم: 855-800-9252 و نترجم لغوي يمكنك التحدث.

We are open to all school-age youth 17 years old and younger. You do not need to be a registered student at these schools to receive services. We accept insured and uninsured patients, regardless of ability to pay.



Holiday Hours

All YDL Locations will be **CLOSED** on

Christmas Eve (observed),
Christmas holiday weekend,
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Friday, December 22—Monday, December 25

New Year's Eve (observed), New
Year's holiday weekend, New
Year's Eve & New Year's Day
Friday, December 29—Monday,
January 1, 2024

235 Spencer Lane
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

AE CITY OF HOPE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE FOOD & CLOTHING

Each month we distribute
food and clothing to the community through
AE City of Hope Food & Clothing Pantry.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

YPSILANTI LOCATION
EVERY 1st & 3rd SATURDAY
10:30 am - 11:30 am *while supplies last



Need help finding employment?

We offer career training and job placement services.

SCAN OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO:
CLICK ON JOBS



AE CITY OF HOPE
SERVICES FOR ALL

FOOD • CLOTHING • HOUSING • EDUCATION • JOB TRAINING • COUNSELING



YCMS PRESENTS:

Local Vendors!

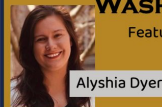
Dinner!

YOUTH IN ACTION

A civic engagement opportunity:
Youth-led Educational Forum on the job of:

WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF

Featuring YCMS Youth Leaders:



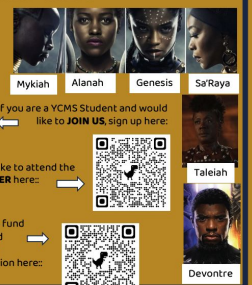
Alyshia Dyer



Derrick Jackson



Ken Magee



Mykiah Alanah Genesis Sa'Raye

Taleiah Devontre

If you would like to attend the event, REGISTER here:

DONATE to fund DINNER and Participant Compensation here:

Thanks also to our sponsors:
One Love Symposium; One Single Rose; Caroline Sanders; Mentor2Youth; Second Baptist Church of Ypsilanti

With a SPECIAL performance by Detroit Poet, Filmmaker, and Playwright: One Single Rose!

YCMS Choir & Band Performances!!

Thursday, February 22nd 2024 6-8pm
Morris Lawrence Building
4800 E. Huron River Drive
Ann Arbor MI 48108

